

CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A golf putterhead having a hosel connecting said putterhead to a golf shaft, a strikeface with an intended strikepoint, and a bottom sole, said hosel having a forward extending hosel section extending generally upward from the top of said strikeface and then generally horizontally forward, and not substantially rearward,  $1/4$  to 1 ball diameter from a location approximately  $1/2$  ball diameter or more above said intended strikepoint which is above the horizontal sole plane, said forward extending hosel section being in a vertical plane normal to said strikeface, before said hosel connects via a shaft connecting hosel section with a socket or other connecting means to said golf shaft to the player side of said forward extending hosel section, said forward extending hosel section, having a top surface or markings thereon, the hosel sight line, which serves as an unobstructed sight or aim line toward the intended target, said hosel also increasing the static balance moment of the putterhead about said shaft by increasing the distance between the putterhead center of mass and the shaft axis, said putterhead also having a rearward putterhead extension with rearward sight line with similar top surface or markings as said hosel sight line, said rearward putterhead extension integral with or in rigid communication with said putterhead bottom sole, said rearward putterhead extension being in the same vertical plane as said forward extending hosel section at the same or differing top surface elevation of said hosel sight line, said rearward putterhead extension with said rearward sight line extending rearward from said putterface a distance of at least twice said hosel sight line length and not exceeding the width of said putterhead, with a top surface or markings similar to said hosel sight line, said rearward extending sight line extending from and adding to and substantially lengthening the total sight or aim line length of said putterhead.

2. (Currently Amended) The putterhead of Claim 1 wherein said hosel with said hosel sight line extends forward from the strikeface approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  a ball diameter.
3. (Currently Amended) The putterhead of Claim 1 wherein said shaft connecting hosel section with connecting means or a bent shaft section at or near the forward end of said forward extending hosel section extends  $\frac{1}{4}$  to 1 ball diameter in a direction generally normal to said vertical forward extending hosel plane towards the golfer in such a manner as to not visually distract from or interrupt said sight or aim line formed by said forward extending hosel top surface or markings and such that said normal bent shaft or hosel section does not substantially reduce the golfer's view of the ball and wherein said normal bent shaft or shaft connecting hosel section is arranged such that a putter with such putterhead is statically faced balanced by having the shaft axis intersecting the vertical putterhead center line plane normal to the strikeface at approximately the same elevation as the clubhead center of gravity.
4. (Currently Amended) The putterhead of Claim 1 wherein said hosel sight line and said rearward putterhead extension with rearward sight line both have a sight or aim line of 0.025 to 0.5 inch width on the upper horizontal portion or central portion thereof with any adjacent putterhead portions, visible from above by the golfer, being of a differing or contrasting color or finish.
5. (Currently Amended) The putterhead of Claim 4 wherein said sight or aim lines are black or other dark finish while any portion of said shaft connecting hosel section or bent shaft section lying above a golf ball contacting the intended strikepoint of said

putterhead, has a white or light finish such that it visually blends in with a golf ball centered under said forward extending hosel section.

6. (Currently Amended) The putterhead of Claim 1 wherein that portion of said shaft connecting hosel section or bent shaft section or the bottom portion of the club shaft connecting to it or both, which are not over a golf ball contacting the intended strikepoint, are finished or colored dull green or another dark or non-reflective color such that said hosel or shaft sections are less visible and blend into the grass background when viewed by a golfer from above.
7. (Currently Amended) The putterhead of Claim 1 used in conjunction with a golf ball marked with a dark line of a width approximately the width of said hosel sight or aim line, along all or a portion of the ball's circumference or equator, which line the golfer aims at the target.
8. (Currently Amended) The putterhead of Claim 1 wherein the weight of said rearward sight line extension is reduced via one or more holes or apertures, the use of light weight materials, the use of thin section materials or combinations thereof.
9. (Previously Presented) The putterhead of Claim 1 wherein the moment of inertia about the putterhead's center of gravity is increased by placing a major or majority portion of the putterhead's weight within 3 or more locations within a mass ring located between 75% and 100% of said putterhead's maximum horizontal distance from said putterhead center of gravity.

10. **(Currently Amended) The putterhead of Claim 1 wherein at least the forward most portion of said forward hosel extension or the lower shaft section proximate to it is made of or weighted with a heavy metal such as tungsten or lead to increase said putterhead's moment of inertia.**
11. **(Currently Amended) The putterhead of Claim 4 wherein putterhead surfaces are provided within approximately one golf ball radius of the center of said rearward aim or sight line, visible to a golfer from above, said surfaces being of white or light surface finish providing a ball width sighting field while those remaining golfer visible putterhead surfaces adjacent to or more remote from said sighting field are of contrasting dark, black or green finish reducing their optical visibility, said ball width sighting field being extended in length by a golf ball at address in front of said putterhead strikepoint and below said hosel sight line.**